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NEW STREET RAILWAY

Council Grants a Franchise for Another Line.

MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

Mr. R. G. Bickford and Others Urge Tha Its Tracks on Lafayette Avenue. Other Business Transacted.

It may be interesting to add that of about two hundred cases of typhoid fever reported during the year 1897, only fourteen deaths are ascribed to this cause. This shows the mild form in which the disease prevailed here where it was so modified by climatic conditions.

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GARBAGE.

The conduct of the garbage service has been very inefficient and unsatisfactory, resulting, probably to a great extent, from the inadequate compensation of the contractor for the performance of his duties. It appears that the necessary systematic supervision has not been given, nor has there been placed with the service, at all times, the necessary equipments for the proper execution of the work. It would seem at first blush, that a contract supported by a good bond and properly enforced, would offer a safeguard against these derelictions, but such is not the case in view of the fact that the power vested in me to enforce the provisions of the contract is limited to having such conditions as the contractor or may have omitted, fulfilled at his expense, and with only one sanitary in spector to ascertain these omissions, in addition to guarding against various other nuisances in different parts of the city, it becomes practically impossible to rigedly enforce it with the means at my command. I referred the matter to the city attorney and have acted upon his advice.

The removal of garbage by contract has proven to be impractical and a dismal failure in other cities, and I see no reason why this city should not profit by their experience, added to its own of two years, and relegated it to the past.

The present contract expires May 21 and instead of a renewal of this defective system. I would respectfully recommend that the entire matter be placed in the hands of the city. It geems to me that it would be well and GARBAGE.

Bickford pitched his voice to a high key.
Resuming his argument Mr. Regester said Mr. Bickford had opposed the gas franchise. He then went on to show the advantages to be derived from a competitive line, the fairness of the ordinance, etc.
When Mr. Regester concluded Clerk Massie read a petition of business men on Washington avenue asking that the franchise be granted and a truck be laid on that thoroughfare. This concluded the argument.
"I guess I had as well start the ball rolling," said Mr. Burcher. "I think it should be stipulated that there is nothing in the franchise that gives the company the right to use the bridges without the consent of the council."
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Mr. Willett moved that the company be required to lay its track on Lafayete instead of Washington avenue. The motion was lost by a vote of 9 to 5. the members voting as follows: Yeas—O'Donnell, Roane, Thomas. Via. Willett. Total, 5.

Nays—Burcher, Baxton, Doherty, Hughes, Lenz, Mackev, McLaughlin, Mugler, Wilkie, Total, 9.

A motion stipulating that the company shall use iron poles on Washington avenue was adopted.

Another motion providing that the company shall use iron providing that the company should lay a single track on each thoroughfare named in the franchise prevailed.

The ordinance was then taken up and passed by sections.

Nearly every member of the council spoke in favor of the ordinance, and several suggested amendments. Mr. Willett thought the company should be required to have the whole system in this city in operation at the expiration of a year, but he was voted down, for the track cannot be laid across Twenty-fifth and Twenty-fourth streets till the over-head bridges are orected and there may be some delay in this improvement. Mr. Lenz said the tax-pavers wanted another railway system. This gave Mr. Wilkie and Mr. McLaughfin an opportunity to put In a word for the word, to but In a word for the word, and there

Postmaster-General.

Will Receive Applications Saturday. Judge T. J. Barham, the presiding efficient of the Corporation Court, has ixed next Saturday as the day for ecciving and/hearing opipications for

to extend the company's tracks, but it was refused. Now there was a company asking for a franchise to run fifty years. Mr. Segar then argued against the laying of another track on Washington avenue, claiming it would consist traffic. He did not think it was right to break down a company that came to the city in the time when it required nerve and enterprise.

Attorney Samuel Regester, of Tichmond, a stockholder in the company asking for a franchise and also the general counsel, addressed the council in favor of the ordinance. He said he had listened to the lectures of Messrs, lickford and Segar as to the duty of the council, but he (Regester) failed to hear any representative citizen outside of the least fraternity raise his voice against the franchise. Mr. Rickford's argument developed the "niegzer in the woodplie"—he owned properly on Lafayette avenue. When the city compensed to build bridges he (Regester) would be present at the meeting with a fair proposition. His company was going over the bridges and would pay for the privilege.

Here Mr. Rickford interrunted Mr. Perviser by asking. "Why ddirt you out that in your franchise?"

Mr. Regester—"Without being discourteness to Mr. Rickford I wish to say to him that I drew this ordinance and that I do not wish any advice."

Continuing Mr. Regester said that he same people composing this company ceeting analysearing confecting the contests whether there will be any contests in not known, but it is chought that he Police Court fecond will be produced to show the names of those who violated the liquor law during the last

year.
Judge Barham has adopted very
stringent rules, and it may be difficult
for those dealers who have violated
the law by selling liture on Sunday ao
have their licenses renewed.

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Mr. William Whiteraft, who was
proprietor of a saloon at No. 2308
Washington averue, has disposed of his
husiness, selling it to Mr. Patrick F.
Eagan, for the sum of 4,400.
The bill of sife was recorded in the
clerks office of the Corporation Court
yesterday, as was the deed of trust
from Mr. Eagan to Mr. G. C. Guvernator to secure the latter for money borrowed. The trustee is Mr. F. B. Berkley.

Funeral of Mr. William Ivy. Funerat of Mr. William Ivy.

The funeral of Mr. William Ivyy
took place from the Second Baptist
church yesterday afternoon at 2:30
violock and was attended by a large
concourse of people, flev. Thomas J.
Mackkay, the pastor, officiated, and the
remains were laid at rest in Greenlawin cometery. Pollowing were the
palt-bearers: Messis Addison Park,
John Williams, Benjamin West, W.
A. S. Toylor, Edwin Phillips and E. W.
Joyner.

He Will Sign the Cuban Reso-

lutions This Morning. **ULTIMATUM TOSPAIN**

It Will Be Signed at the Same Time.

ANSWER MUST BEPROMPT

Hours United States Troops Will Move on

tute. Just what this plan shall be was the occasion for the wocation meetings today. The first session in anticipation of the residuation of the annual and management of the minimatum iself. So far as can be gathered to the ultimatum was the question of time to be allowed for a response on the part of Spain.

The steady progress of military and naval preparations indicated the conviction on the part of the administration that a peaceful solution of existing difficulties is not probable.

As to the course of events in the immediate future, the only prediction that can be made is one based on precedents. According to these Minister Woodford will notify the Spanish government of the action of the government of the action of the government of the Inited States, and should the Spanish answer be unsatisfactory as is expected, the next step in order will be for him to ask for bis passports and leave Madrid. That would be followed instantly by the withdrawal from Washington of Senor Pelo, the Spanish minister. At this point, it can be said that the State department of ficials are confident that the Spanish of the instantive at every point. After the withdrawal of the ministers, and assuming Spain does not back down, will follow actual war, her whether or not the first ever act will be preceded by a formal declaration of war, which would have every not war, which would have be stated that the army and navy experts are beginned as short time ago. Months are recovered as the probable length of hostilities and one recovered as the probable length of hostilities and one recovered as the probable length of hostilities and one retained a short time ago. Months are not wark with the army and navy experts are beginned as short time ago. Months are not should be supposed the continuous time that the army and navy experts are beginned as short time ago. Months are not made and pack consument wells and one

its West Indian possessions are considerable and it has several ships in those waters. Germany and the other powers are expected to take the same neutral attitude.

In connection with the cable report that the Driebund has sought to effect a plebische in Cuba, it was stated at one of the embassies that this branch of the embassies that this branch of negotiations occurred last week, and embraced some circumstances not made known in the cable dispatches. About the middle of last week one of the embassies here was informed from as foreign office that its armbassator at Masirid natused them that Minister Woodford had singscred, in a tentative way, a pichische as a possible solution on the Cuban problem.

This ambassator also advised his foreign office that the suggestion did not meet with favor, and had not been followed up. Since then there has been no talk of a pichische so far as is known here.

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Virginia and West Virginia Troops May
Univ Under Lee.
CHARLESTON,W. VA. April 19.—
The following telegrams pass d between the governors Alkinson and Tyier, today:
"Charle ton, W. Va., April 19.
"Governor J. Hoge Tyler:
"I suggest, if possible to accomplish
i, that the volunteers of the two Virginias be consolidated into a brigade
and that we ask the Prevident to appoint Flizhigh Lee as the brigade commander.

"G. W. ATKENSON," "G. W. ATKINSON,

"Richmond, Va. April 19.
"Hon. G. W. Atkinson, Gov. West Va.
"The sentiments expressed in your telegram appreciated. Virginia would be glad to unite her forces with her Wester state, and surely none more for 1897 amounted to \$230,410,143.

suitable could be found to command than Pitzbush Lee. J. HOGE TYLER,

Fire This Morning.

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Mr. M. J. Eastman's residence, at the corner of Washington and Thirty-first street, was damaged by the shortly after 1 o'clock this morning.

Pursolman W. T. Robbins first saw the flatines and turned in the general airm at the central station. The bell and hardly finished tolking the number affore Mr. J. S. Wray turned in another tarm from the box at the corner of West avenue and Thirtieth street. When the department arrived tongues of thomes were leaping from the third sary of the building, but a few minnings after the line of hose was run the fire was extinguished. The damage was slight, amounting to probably \$150. The origin of the fite is unknown. It

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Least might, after the thunder storm, a small braze was seen on the roof of the gracery store of Mr. S. Raynor, at the corner of Thirtieth street and Washington avenue. At first it was thought that the store was on fire, but an investigation proved that an electric wire had come in contact with the roof, causing small flames to shoot into the air. The wire was promptly adjusted, and the excitement died down.

Will the centleman who could not be saited in Clothing up the avenue kind-ity call at our store Saturday. WOODWARD & WOMBLE. apr 14-tr.

SITUATION IN MADRID

"War" the One Absorbing

Topic. CORTES TO MEET TODAY

Segasta, the Premier, Delivers a Speech Reflecting Spain's Determination

in order to accord to the government the means to defend the country's in-terests.
"Spain," he added, "will not allow a parcel of her territory to be taken from her with impunity; nor will she be a party to any trafficking for her possessions." Prolonged and enthusias-thy pheny greated the space.

be a party to any trafficking for her possessions." Prolonged and enthusiastic cheers greeted the speech.

The ministers met today to modify the speech from the throne in conformity with the situation. Senor Silveta, leader of the dissident conservatives, when addressing the party, declared it 'inopportune to formulate a political program.'

He evoked the memory of the fate Senor Conovas del Castillo, and declared that he and his party would aid the government by voltaig as much as should be necessary for national defense, without any opposition, although making note of the responsibility incurred, in order to investigate it, if need be, at a more opportune time. He declared also that the dissident conservatives would respect whatever financial arrangements the government might enter into, no matter what these might cost, as it was the "only means of securing later on peace with honor."

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of by Justice Brown in the police court by Justice Brown in the police court yseterday morning:

A, Austrian, charged with conducting a pawn shop without a license, dismissed for want of evidence.

T. F. Ludlow, permitting livestock to run at large, dismissed.
General Jones (colored), disorderly conduct, fined \$3 and costs.
Jacob Jones (colored), riding bleyle on sidewalk, fined \$2 and costs.
John Brooks and E. Lichenstein, white youths, charged with disorderly conduct, were dismissed on account of tender age.